charges under Section 4 (*b*) of the Stamp Act and Section 90 (*d*) of the Registration Act respectively in respect of an agreement regarding the management of and jurisdiction over the lands attached to the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, since the Government is a party to the agreement.

120. The table of registration fees was revised from 1st April 1951.

Municipal Administration.

Town and Minor Municipalities.

121. There were fifty-four Town and fifty-one Minor Municipalities in the State. The Srinivasapur Minor Municipality was converted into a Town Municipality.

122. Many Town and Minor Municipalities were reconstituted during the year on the expiry of the term of previous reconstitution.

123. The total number of members of the several Municipalities in all the districts at the end of the year was 1,862. Of these, 1,324 were elected, 315 nominated and 223 official members.

124. The income and expenditure of the several Municipal Councils in all the Districts of the State amounted to Rs. 93,67,360 and Rs. 69,23,618 respectively. Out of a total demand of Rs. 47,10,911 including arrears under assessed taxes in all the Districts, a sum of Rs. 35,31,297 was collected excluding the remission amounting to Rs. 9,338 and leaving a sum of Rs. 11,70,276 to be collected.

125. The Bill relating to the working of the Town and Minor Municipalities in the State was under examination during the year under review.

126. A sum of Rs. Five lakhs each was provided in the State Budget under Town Improvement and Water Supply Grants and amounts were sanctioned for the improvement of sanitation, drainage, water supply, etc., of Municipal Councils, deserving of such assistance.

127. The first stage of Water Supply Scheme to Hassan Town was sanctioned at a cost of Rupees Four lakhs, half of the cost of the scheme being sanctioned as grant.

PROTECTION

128. A scheme of Water Supply was also sanctioned to Tarikere at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,54,000, a grant of Rs. 1,27,000 was sanctioned for the purpose to be paid during the years 1950-51 and 1951-52.

129. A comprehensive Water Supply Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,44,600 was sanctioned to the Malur Town, half the cost being met by Government.

Corporation of the City of Bangalore.

130. During the year, the Corporation of the City of Bangalore held 16 ordinary meetings, 18 adjourned meetings, 4 urgent meetings and 3 special meetings.

131. The opening balance at the credit of the Corporation at the beginning of the year was Rs. 6,12,436. The total receipts under all heads amounted to Rs. 77,26,516 making a total of Rs. 83.38,952. A sum of Rs. 74,86,166 was spent during the year leaving a balance of Rs. 8,52,786 at the end of the year.

132. The Bangalore City Municipal Council raised a Debenture loan of Rs. 20 lakhs in the year 1936, repayable in twenty years for executing underground drainage and other urgent works. A sum of Rs. 80,000 being the amount to be invested during the year towards repayment of the above loan and a sum of Rs. 20,774 realised as interest on the previous years' investments were added to the sinking fund during the year. The total value of investment at the end of the year aggregated to Rs. 13,28,430.

133. The following important works were taken up during the year:—

1. The construction of an ornamental compound wall round Silver Jubilee Park in the V Division along the Silver Jubilee Park Road was completed.

2. The construction of a first floor over Sri Krishnarajendra Market and a Vegetable Market at Visveswarapuram was in progress. A mutton market was constructed at the Seshadripuram adjoining the vegetable market.

3. The construction of a restaurant with shops near the bus stand on Central Street was started and was in progress at the end of the year.

4. Ten "D" type quarters and ten tenemental quarters in Kumara Park Extension were purchased from